

January 16, 2009
STATE ADMINISTRATION

Exhibit No. 7

Date 1/19/09

Bill No. SB 196

To whom it may concern.

We the people of the Ft Belknap Reservation
would like to support The Native American day
Third Friday of September to be a —
STATE Holiday - not only to be recognized
as a holiday

Being we are the first American people on
this USA continent.

We the Elders of the Fort Belknap Senior
Citizens and people support this issue

Sincerely.

Minerva Allen president

Ruby First Smoke Vice chairman

Senior Citizens

Please sign

1. Alpha Leon Man
2. The Leon Man Sr.
3. Gerald Main Sr
4. Christine Main
5. Kenneth Tucker
6. Philmaque Tucker
7. Lucy D Tucker Sr
8. Daniel Longfuc
9. Christine Longfuc
10. ~~Wendy Longfuc~~
11. ~~Henry Longfuc~~
12. ~~Wendy Longfuc~~
13. Elyse Longfuc
14. ~~John Longfuc~~
15. Marcella Shortman
16. Merrill Gray
17. Pat Messerly
18. Dodie Bell
19. Camie Berry
20. Ruby First Smoke
21. Randy Wing
22. Marlene Perry
23. Tom Walker
24. Eleanor Dechaume
25. Craig C. Luff
26. Pat Barr
27. ~~Maria Statham~~
28. Gloria Wang
Joseph Wang

1. Marcelle Shortman
2. ~~Cliff~~ CV
3. Leibel Sullivan
4. Donna Sullen
5. Cathy Cushing
6. George Cushing
7. Merrill Gray
8. Ruby First Smoke
9. Mildred Bauer
10. Gerald B. Main Sr
11. Hannah HE
12. ~~Wister~~ Laura
13. F. Irlene Pears
14. Minerva Allen
15. Carme Doney
16. Alpha Don. Tolan
17. Lemmy Dore
18. Edie Bell
19. Joe Don. Tolan Sr.
20. Beverly Brown
21. April Boushul
22. Jerry Cliff Sr
23. Mari Cliff
24. Catherine Cliff
25. Bev Brown
26. Glen Lee
27. Doreen Don
28. Lina Gray
29. Drury Shortman
30. Anisha Cheryl
31. Mahel Snell
32. Jeppe Snell

33. Bob Shortman
34. Ashley Snell
35. Merle Snell
36. Dolores Snell
37. Rhonda Snell
38. Lynn Jo Gray
39. Ruth Snell
40. Jim Fox
41. Annette Hoew
42. W. H. H. 51
43. Catherine Heng
44. Darlene Paulson
45. Theresa Brown
46. Tyler Allen
47. Cindy Cliff
48. Stacey Messaly
49. Jordane Walker
50. Leyle Cochran
51. Marti Cochran
52. Gene Halgerson
53. Nancy Halgerson
54. Lori Walker
55. John Allen
56. Pat Messaly

Please Sign In

PLEASE SIGN EACH NAME INDIVIDUALLY.

DATE: 1-14-09

Title III Daily Register for Congregate Meals: L.P.

NAME:	NAME:
1. Martha Healy	20. Philomayne Tucker
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3. Jamie Stanley	22. Lynn F. Tracy
4. Mindy McCabe	23. Russ Tracy
5. Tyler Allen	24. Jim Fox
6. Terry D. Tucker	25. Annette Heden
7. Bobbie Langford	26. Wanda Main
8. Arnold L. Tucker	27. Wanda Smith Sr
9. Ruby First & Mary	28. Terry C. E.
10. Edna K. Kitchener	29. Anita B. B. B.
11. Grace McComb	30. Thelma Allen
12. Annie Tracy	31. Brady Fritz
13. Sister Laura	32. Pastor Jim Fritz
14. Florence Halpern	33. Ch. S. Fritz
15. Gordon D. D.	34. Brian W.
16. Loren S. S.	35. Randi R. W.
17. Leo Brown	36. Thomas M. M.
18. Tina Gray	37. Randy W.
19. Dr. Shortman	38. Thelma R. Brown
20. Joseph W.	39. Lee Ann First Smoke
21. Ashley S.	40. Marlene Perry
22. Maile S.	41. Wanda S.

HAYS/LODGEPOLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 19, 2009

LETTER OF SUPPORT

SB 196

STATE HOLIDAY FOR AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

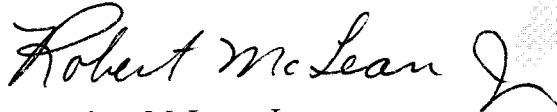
Dear Committee,

I am writing to you in support of SB 196 for the establishment of a State Holiday for American Heritage Celebration proposed by the Hays/Lodge Pole School students and sponsored by Senator Jonathan Windy Boy.

Native Americans have played a significant role in the history and development of the State of Montana from our territorial days to the present. SB 196 recognizes this role and the important contributions made by Native Americans in our great state by seeking to establish a State Holiday recognizing Montana's Native Americans.

As a 4th generation Montanan, I urge you to pass SB 196.

Respectfully,



Dr. Robert McLean, Jr.

"Home of the Thunderbirds"



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January 15, 2009

Nancy Stiffarm, Title VII/Indian Studies Director

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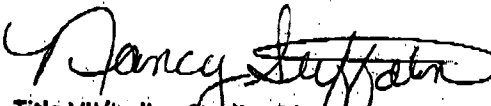
I am writing this letter in support of Hays/Lodgepole student led bill to recognize Native American Day (the last Friday of September) as a state recognized holiday. It would give the day off and be an opportunity for the state and its people to honor and recognize the Native People of our state.

I have worked in Harlem Schools for nearly 30 years, and feel that most holidays do not have a specific meaning to our young people, that it is just another day off. With our state's great history, and the impact that Native peoples had in this, it is appropriate and timely to specify a day to honor their impact and influence.

Our state was one of the first to implement Indian Ed for All into our schools. We continue to have a number of State tribal members elected to the House and Senate and this year to have our first state official - Denise Juneau was elected to the office of Public Instruction.

I applaud the students in their development and work in the presentations of this bill. It is important to have our young people aware of, and to be involved in the process. It is also a very important issue, and encourage your support. If you have any questions, please call 353-2921.

Nancy Stiffarm


Title VII/Indian Studies Director

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January 16, 2009

Helena, Mt. 59601

Secondly, our state is vast; we can look to mountains, valleys, rivers, towns and find contributions of place names that our tribes have given to this great state. Many people come to our state for the beauty and our unique history of the west. People travel across the oceans to enjoy our dancing and singing at our annual celebrations each summer. The Tribes of Montana have not

only contributed to the beauty and history, but worked hard to maintain our unique culture for all to share.

I think that this is an important bill. We have taken the lead in Indian Education across the United States, let us be first to take the lead in the acknowledgement of the First People of this great country.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Brockie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Terry Brockie

Kenneth (Tuffy) Helgeson

Nakóda (Assiniboine) Language Teacher

P.O. Box 110

Hays, Mt 59527

January 16, 2009

State of Montana, State Legislator

Helena, Mt 59601

This is a letter to request your support of Bill Draft # Ic1262, Bill Type #SB 196, in reference to a Native American Holiday. This Bill was championed by our students in Hays Lodge Pole H.S. on behalf of themselves and their kind. This bill was drafted to insure that the great diversity of the State of Montana might have a better knowledge of the Native American plight.

As one might think in a State with so many Native American Reservations we would have had a holiday in place long ago. How ever that is not the case. Of all the endeavors that our children could have done, our students chose this particular Bill to pursue. That alone tells me that we are starting to witness great days coming to us, as a time of peace and understanding between Native Americans and the United States with the youth leading the way, a very strong message is sent. The attentiveness to the necessary foundation of our democracy , that will instill equality among people for future generations. Something as simple as a Bill being ratified is what makes this country a wonderful place to live. This our students realize.

Let me be a witness that our children know their history, the present conditions of their people, and are proud of it all. They would like the world to know about all Native Americans. Which is a bigger step than generations, before would have ever taken. I am very proud of our students and would ask you to consider greatly the things which are put before you. As we will live together regardless the out come of your vote. Let us all help our children be proud of what they are and at the same time, not to be arrogant about the fact of past history as we need to move forward let us do so in happiness.

Thank you for your time and support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Tuffy Helgeson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kenneth (Tuffy) Helgeson

Fort Belknap Indian Community

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Fort Belknap Indian Community
(Tribal Govt.)
Fort Belknap Indian Community
(Elected to administer the affairs of the community and
to represent the Assiniboiné and the Gros Ventre
Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation)

January 16, 2009

Hon. Jonathan Windy Boy, Senator
Montana Senate
PO Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

RE: SB 196 State Holiday for American Indian Heritage Celebration

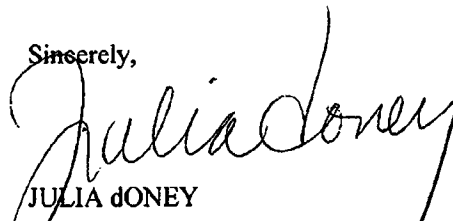
Dear Senator Windy Boy:

It is with great pleasure that the Fort Belknap Indian Community endorses proposed SB 196. As you are aware, Native Americans are an integral part of Montana History, even prior to statehood.

Such a state holiday would not only honor Native Americans, but allow all Montana citizens the opportunity to reflect on the role Native Americans play in the formation and continuation of the great State of Montana. All Montana citizens would be able to take part in any celebrations and recognition of Native American heritage.

Thank you for sponsoring this Bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,


JULIA DONEY
President